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Army Announces New Joint Munitions Command Leader

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL, Ill. – The Joint Munitions Command will welcome a new commanding general later this year.

Army Chief of Staff General George Casey announced today that Brig. Gen. Gustave F. Perna, who serves as the Director, Logistics, United States Forces-Iraq, will become the commanding general of Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command, located at Picatinny, N.J., and the Joint Munitions Command, here.

Perna will follow Brig. Gen. Larry Wyche who will become the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics and Operations for the Army Materiel Command located at Fort Belvoir, Va. Wyche has served at JMC since August 2008.

Perna was promoted to brigadier general in August. Prior to being assigned to Iraq, his third tour there, he served as the director, Defense Supply Center - Philadelphia, also a one-star position.

Perna graduated from Valley Forge Military Academy with an associate degree in business administration. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from University of Maryland. Upon graduation as ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the infantry. Perna also holds a Masters in Logistics Management from Florida Institute of Technology. His military education includes Infantry Officer Basic Course, Ordnance Officer Advanced Course, Logistics Executive Development Course, Support Operations Course, Command and General Staff College and Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

From its headquarters here, JMC operates a nationwide network of conventional ammunition manufacturing plants and storage depots, and provides on-site ammunition experts to U.S. combat units wherever they are stationed or deployed. JMC's customers are U.S. forces of all military services, other U.S. Government agencies, and allied nations.

No date has been set for the change of command.

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